

# The Degree of Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ – 180 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

## 1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2025.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2019.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Degree of Master of Criminal Justice a student must be credited with 180 points comprising:

- (a) All courses in Schedule C to these Regulations; and
- (b) 30 points from the courses in Schedule E to these Regulations.

A student's course of study must be approved by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Criminal Justice a student must:

- (a) have qualified for the Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree with a B+ Grade Point Average or better in 90 points of 300-level courses, or have qualified for the Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice with a B Grade Point Average or better in all courses, or have qualified for the Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice with a B Grade Point Average or better in all courses, or be admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (b) have been approved as a candidate for the Degree by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate.

## 5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

## 6. Time limits

The maximum time limit for this qualification is 36 months.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

## 8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

- (a) A student who fails up to 30 points for the Master of Criminal Justice may, with permission of the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate, repeat that course.
- (b) A student who fails more than 30 points will be withdrawn from the qualification.

## 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has not met the requirements for this qualification but who has satisfied the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice may apply to the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate to withdraw from this qualification and be awarded the Certificate.
- (b) A student who has not met the requirements for this qualification but who has satisfied the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice may apply to the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate to withdraw from this qualification and be awarded the Diploma.
- (c) There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Criminal Justice

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
CRJU601	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	30	S1	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Amo Matua, Ture  Executive Dean of Law
CRJU602	Criminal Justice Systems	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Amo Matua, Ture  Executive Dean of Law.
CRJU603	Contemporary Issues In Criminal Justice	30	S1	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Amo Matua, Ture  Executive Dean of Law
CRJU680	Dissertation	60	FY	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department of Law.
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## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Master of Criminal Justice

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
CRJU604	Internship	30	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Amo Matua, Ture  Executive Dean of Law
CRJU605	Professional Cultures	30	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Amo Matua, Ture  Executive Dean of Law
PACE495	Professional and Community Engagement Internship	30	A	Campus	P: Special application and interview, and permission of the Internship Director. R: ARTS495 EQ: ARTS495
			S1	Campus	
			S2	Campus	
POLS449	Wicked Problems, Politics, and Justice	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of Department